

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez  
Mayor Pro- Tem Denise Hitt  
Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez  
Councilwoman Donnie Sue Riojas  
Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval Chief Financial Officer, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff and John Landreth, Chief of Police

Mayor Lopez Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.

- 2 Mayor Lopez led the pledge of allegiance and the Invocation
- 3 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> City Council minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
- 4 During the Visitors comments Lynn Spencer with the San Patricio EDC spoke requesting support from the City Council. She also stated that 2014 would be an active time for the cities in San Patricio County. Mr. Sherwood Hitt addressed the City Council to commend Street Department employee Larry Copeland who unbeknownst to City Staff took the initiative to help keep Taft Beautiful by choosing to pick up trash on the road on own time due to his own initiative.
- 5 Mrs. Yglesias came before the City Council regarding the fence her neighbor had erected. No action was taken by the City Council.
- 6 Mr. Davis with Absolute Waste was not present however Mayor Pro Tem Hitt made a motion to have a plan in place by February to pay Absolute for past services within 6 months. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Lopes, Mayor Pro Tem Hitt, Councilman Vasquez and Council woman Riojas. Against: Councilman Rodriguez. Motion carried 4-1.
- 7 Robert Viera, with LNV Engineering appeared before the City Council to update them on the progress of the City's projects, the restoration of the sewer plant, the drainage project and the progress regarding the lift stations. No action was taken.
- 8 Mayor Lopez addressed the City Council and recommended the City Council reappoint Municipal Court Judge Carmel Herrera. Judge Herrera has stated that due to the ongoing improvement of the Court that she would voluntarily take a reduction of monies and would serve the City for twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) monthly. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to reappoint Carmel Herrera as Municipal Judge for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9 The City Council as a whole requested a letter from San Patricio County's elected officials regarding the County's intentions referencing ad valorem tax collection.
- 10 Mayor Pete Lopez addressed the City Council, residents and Fire Chief regarding opportunities for the community should the City partner with Koch pipeline. The Fire Chief, Dan Gipson, assured the City Council he had been in contact with the Koch representatives and he will speak with them again. No action was taken.
- 11 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt addressed the City Council regarding the City's utility service. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt stated that she believes the Ordinance should be amended to reflect..."All meters are read electronically/manually as close to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month as possible and utility bills are mailed on the last day of the monthly. **Payment is due, in our office, on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month** by 4:30 p.m. and penalty is assessed on the 16<sup>th</sup> (or next business day). A late notice, with the penalty included, is mailed on the 16<sup>th</sup> to all outstanding accounts. This notice serves as a Cut-Off Notice and must be paid by 4:30 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid service disconnection.

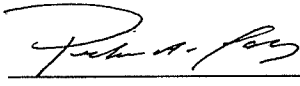
Any bill left unpaid 10 days after penalty (the 15<sup>th</sup>) will be turned off for non-payment and will be charged a \$50 disconnect/reconnect fee during normal hours. No disconnection will be performed on a Friday or the day before a holiday, however the disconnection will still be

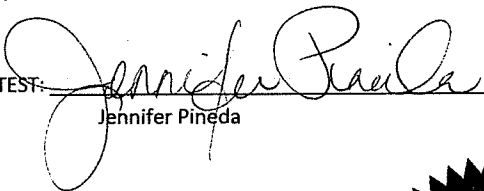
assessed and disconnection will take place on the next business day if payment is not made prior to 8AM on that business day.

There is a payment drop box at City Hall. **We do not consider the postmark on mailed items.** Please allow mail time for online bill payments." Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to approve the aforementioned amendment to Ordinance 887; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0. The revised Ordinance will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting and will be effective for the March billing.

- 12 Council woman Donnie Riojas moved to request qualifications for a City Attorney & prosecutor and amend Ordinance 867 to read that the City's Attorney shall be located no further than 75 miles from the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 13 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to advertise and request qualification for a city attorney and prosecutor. Qualifications are to be submitted by March 3, 2014 and the City Manager was directed to advertise in the *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, the *San Patricio County New*, TML, and trade magazines pending the Mayors' approval of the advertisement.
- 14 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to select Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez as the City's representative to serve on the San Patricio Economic Development Corporation Board and when appointed serve as a member for the SPEDC executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 15 The City council discussed the City's financial status and chose to have a work session on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 16 Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez moved to table action on Ordinance 898 modifying residency requirements for the City Manager until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 17 The City Council requested the next agenda address pot holes and areas that need to be weed-eaten.
- 18 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous, Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

  
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Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez

ATTEST:   
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Jennifer Pineda



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

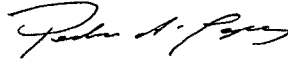
Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez  
Mayor Pro- Tem Denise Hitt  
Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez  
Councilwoman Donnie Sue Riojas  
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Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Mary Alice Sandoval Chief Financial Officer; Adrian Garcia, City Staff; John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director and IT master; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Dan Gibson, Fire Chief and Ernest Garza the City's auditor.

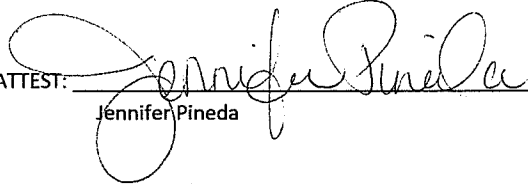
Mayor Lopez Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.

- 2 Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance and the Invocation.
- 3 The City Council and staff went into a work session to talk about the City's finances. Auditor Ernest Garza explained how the City's purchase order system worked, about accrual accounting and the need to keep a weekly cash flow record.
- 4 The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014



Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Pineda



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2014 the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro Tem
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	
Ronnie Rodriguez	Absent

Others Present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **#3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- Consider the employment, appointment, interim appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager

City Manager Kandi Hubert stated that she wanted this item in open session. The council questioned the city manager at length about finances. The city manager answered the council's questions.

### **#4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PRECEDING AGENDA ITEM.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to dismiss the city manager immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

### **#5. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

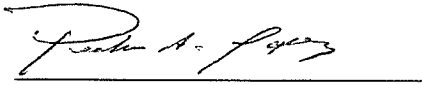
Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

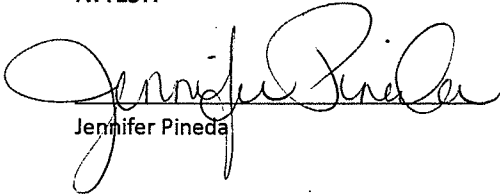
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Pedro Lopez, Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of February 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others Present: Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Yoli Rivera, Accounting Clerk, and Fred Farias, Water/Wastewater Supervisor.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS**

Mike Reeves with Republic Service - asked Council to consider to resend their vote to pay off Absolute Industries first before making payment to Republic Service.

Ana Rocha -- driveway and sidewalk cracked at 1001 Gregory and wants to know if it will be repaired.

Councilman Vasquez walked into the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

### **#4. DISCUSS CITY FINANCIALS**

Ray De Los Santos of SMMP briefed the Council on financials for the first quarter of the fiscal year and stated that it would take about two weeks to get a handle on the first quarter. Mr. De Los Santos also stated that the data base was not producing a beginning and ending fund balance. He informed the Council of several other things that SMMP came across.

### **#5. PRESENTATION BY SMMP ON STATUS OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT.**

Ray De Los Santos of SMMP gave the Council an update on what SMMP has done and where they are at.

### **#6. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF PRIDE OF TAFT OFFICERS.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to accept Erica Lopez, President, Adrian Garcia, Vice President, Deanira Gonzales, Treasurer, Mary Vega, Secretary as the Pride of Taft Officers. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **#7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PRIDE OF TAFT BUDGET**

Councilwoman Hitt explained the Pride of Taft budget to the Council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the Pride of Taft budget for 2013-2014. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **#8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT TO SEPARATE PROSECUTOR FROM THE DUTIES OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND RE-WORD ADVERTISEMENT TO REFLECT CHANGE.**

Councilwoman Hitt spoke on this item and stated she felt it would be a good idea to separate the prosecutor

duties from the city attorney duties to help the court keep moving along.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to separate prosecutor from the duties of the city attorney and re-word advertisement to reflect change. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#9. DISCUSS THE CITY OF TAFT'S WORKING PROJECTS.**

Robert Viera of LNV Engineering discussed the drainage project. He gave an update on the issues that they had with the contractors and explained that items were being corrected. At this point the project was at about 89% complete.

Fred Farias, Water/Wastewater Superintendant, gave updates on the wastewater plant project and the pipe bursting project. He did a visual presentation to show the progress to the council.

**#10. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF TAFT ORGANIZATIONS.**

Mayor recognized the Pride of Taft and Economic Development Corporation for contributing funds to help with street repairs.

**#11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON DRAWINGS RECEIVED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION FOR REVITALIZATION OF THE ROAD CROSSINGS AND THE CITY OF TAFT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP IT MAINTAINED.**

Mayor informed the council that he received the drawings and that it is the City's responsibility to keep the crossings weed eaten and clean.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the drawings received by the Railroad Commission for revitalization of the road crossings and the City of Taft's responsibility to keep it maintained. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINAL APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #922 REPEALING ORDINANCE 887 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO 786 AND ORDINANCE 794; PRESCRIBING RULES, REGULATIONS, RATES, AND FEES AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE SERVICE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS; PROVIDING FOR DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT AND RELATED FEES; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WATER; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH OR FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WATER; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH OR DAMAGE TO CITY EQUIPMENT; IDENTIFYING RATES AND FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES, TAPS, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SEVERANCE, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilwoman Hitt explained that this ordinance would move the cut off date and that if the cutoff date is on a Friday, services would not be cut off until the following Monday.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance 922. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#13. THE COUNCIL MAY ENTER INTO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL RELATED MATTERS: CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND INTERIM CITY SECRETARY.**

The Council went into Executive Session

**#14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PROCEEDING AGENDA ITEM #13.**

The Council returned into Open Session.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to hire Ray De Los Santos of SMMP as the Interim City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#15. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH MEETING.**

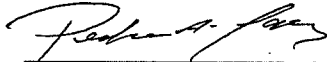
Future agenda items included a plan attacking the streets around the schools and a backflow preventor at Shoreline.

**#16. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

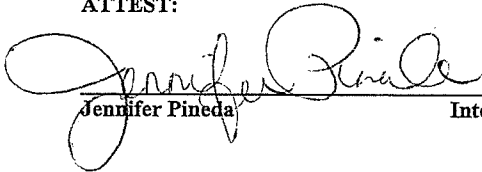
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

Interim City Secretary





MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of March 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St; at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor  
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
Donnie Riojas  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Municipal Court Clerk.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS

There were no visitors.

#4. THE COUNCIL MAY ENTER INTO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL RELATED MATTERS: CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE POSITION(S) OF CITY PROSECUTOR AND/OR CITY ATTORNEY.

Council went into executive session.

#5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PROCEEDING AGENDA ITEM.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to set a special meeting to interview all the candidates with the date to be determined. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Since there was a council member that had to dismiss himself the council jumped to Item #15.

#15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY, ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF MAINTAINING CITY-OWNED EMS.

Mayor stated he placed the item on the agenda to know the pros and cons of having city-owned EMS and the pros and cons of outsourcing EMS. Ray De Los Santos stated that if the Council is serious about comparing the two then they should garnish proposals. He also stated that he could not tell the Council how much it is costing to run the city-owned EMS at this time.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to acquire an rfp and look at other scenarios in outsourcing EMS. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Councilman Vasquez left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

#6. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO DAYTIME AND NIGHTTIME CURFEW HOURS FOR JUVENILES.

Ray explained this agenda item is to open the floor for the public hearing. Ms. Barth stated that she thinks the curfew should be at 10 p.m. on school nights and a little later on the weekends. Mrs. Ozuna asked if this would also apply to the county. Ms. Garrett stated that she feels sometimes the kids can't get home by 10 p.m. because of school functions.

#7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ORDINANCE NO 924 – AN ORDINANCE

**READOPTING ORDINANCE NO 841 ESTABLISHING JUVENILE NIGHTTIME AND DAYTIME CURFEW HOURS WITHIN THE CITY OF TAFT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION, ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE TO COMPLY WITH.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a suggestion to table this item until a meeting could take place between the Taft Police Department and the San Patricio Sheriff's Department. Mayor explained that Ordinance No 841 had already expired.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to renew the existing Ordinance No 924 an ordinance establishing a juvenile nighttime and daytime curfew. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. HEAR AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING ON-GOING CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AS WELL AS POTHOLE PATCHING.**

Norman Ramirez with LNV Engineering updated the council on the Gregory St drainage improvement project and the cracked driveway on Gregory St. Mr. Ramirez stated that both projects should be ready for inspection by the end of the week. The wastewater plant project is underway and should be complete by June 2014. The collection system project has discovered that some areas are needing repair that were not addressed before.

Fred Farias, Water/Wastewater Supervisor, updated the council on pothole patching. He stated that the weather has been an issue in patching the roads and has caused some delays. He stated the crew started on Victoria and got all the way down to Mathis St. The crew is going to try to hit the school area before they continue on the normal route weather permitting.

**#9. HEAR AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Ray informed the council of 3 Certificates of Obligation that have an outstanding balance that totals to \$6.472 million. He then informed them that the lease purchase payments for the ambulance, public works vehicles, and police vehicles had an outstanding balance of \$175,124.94. SMMP has been going through the vendors list to compile a list of what is actually outstanding and have discovered that the past dues amount to \$373,529.99. Ray stated that the City would be looking at revenues at around \$220,000 not including the tax ad valorem. The Council had several questions about Incode and Ray informed them that staff is still working to resolve issues with Incode to reflect actuals.

**#10. HEAR AND DISCUSS UPDATES TO THE CITY WEBSITE.**

Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director, updated the Council on his findings. He gave the Council a time line of events that had already occurred. Jorge stated that we owned four domain names and two are up for renewal. His recommendations is to abandon the work that has been done because it is not cost efficient and is not controlled by city staff. Web hosts are cheaper and can be controlled by the staff.

**#11. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ORDINANCE #875 PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE.**

Mayor Lopez asked who is enforcing this ordinance. Ray explained what the ordinance covered and some of the procedures that are mandated by the ordinance. Councilwoman Hitt suggested informing the public about the options to dispose and options of brush pick up. She suggested to give out flyers and maps to inform the public.

**#12. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ORDINANCE #685 ABANDONED AND JUNKED VEHICLE ORDINANCE.**

Mayor Lopez asked who is enforcing this ordinance. Ray explained the process of the ordinance. He also stated that there would be a link on the website for the public to look up ordinances and become aware of what the ordinances are. Mayor stated he would like for the public to be informed.

**#13. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS.**

Mayor Lopez stated that he placed this item on the agenda because he received calls that our fees were too high. Requested staff to do a study of what the fees are around the area.

**#14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY, ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO ALTER THE TRADITIONAL 5-DAY WORK**

WEEK.

Councilwoman Hitt stated she placed this item on the agenda. She would like a feasibility study done to see if this would work well for the City of Taft and maybe survey the staff to see if they would be in agreement with it.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion that a study be done on the advantages of the traditional 5-day work week and weigh the pros and cons. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

#16. HEAR AND DISCUSS INTERIM CITY MANAGER BRIEFING REGARDING CITY OPERATIONS.

Ray informed the Council that finances is looking at the process that needs to be done to start the annual external audit. He informed the Council of the various conference calls that have taken place. Ray also informed the Council that staff has been working on organizational chart, department missions, and statements. There will be a town hall meeting on March 27, 2014 to get the input of the community. Ray updated the Council on what different departments were working on.

#17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TAFT AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME GRANT PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Riojas stated she spoke to someone from Grantworks about the Home Grant Programs. Ray let the Council know that this item was just to change the name of who could be able to sign documents.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute authorizations on behalf of the City of Taft and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Home Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

#18. DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS.

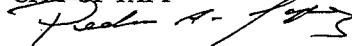
Councilwoman Hitt wants to add an item on the discussion to acquire a permanent city manager. Mayor Lopez wants the school zone ordinance updated.

#19. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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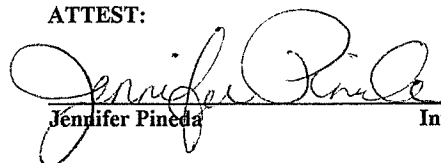
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**#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. THE COUNCIL MAY ENTER INTO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL RELATED MATTERS: CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE POSITION(S) OF CITY PROSECUTOR AND/OR CITY ATTORNEY.**

Council went into executive session at 6:31 p.m.

**#4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PROCEEDING AGENDA ITEM.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to select Ms. Cotroneo as the prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint Ms. Cotroneo as city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ALLOWING THE PRIDE OF TAFT TO SELL 15 CERTIFICATES FOR KIVA HUT RENTAL.**

Councilwoman Hitt for the Pride of Taft informed the council that the money raised would be used to buy drop in lights for the Kiva Hut. The item was tabled to the next meeting.

**#6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT.**

Ray spoke to the Council about past dues to Republic and how to lower the cost. Some of the possibilities for changes would be to only having once a week pick up and once a quarter bulk item pick up. This would reduce the fees about 27 to 28 percent.

Mike Reeves of Republic informed the Council of the services they provide to the surrounding cities. Mr. Reeves also informed the Council how, if any changes would be done, the residents would be notified of the changes.

**#7. DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS.**

No new business at this time.

**#8. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

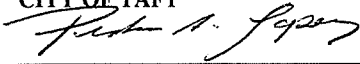
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

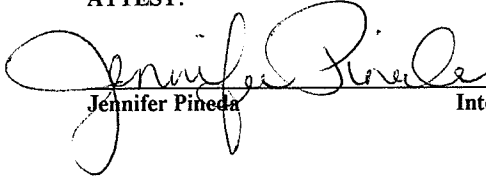
**CITY OF TAFT**



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Jennifer Pineda

Interim City Secretary



## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 8th day of April 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez      Mayor  
Denise Hitt              Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
Donnie Riojas  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Jennifer Pineda, Municipal Court Clerk, and Yolanda Rivera, Accounting Clerk, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING THE FEBRUARY 3, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the February 3, 2014 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

### **#4. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON POTENTIAL CHANGES IN INSURANCE COVERAGE AND DEDUCTIBLE LEVELS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAYMENT PLAN FOR PAST DUES OWED TO TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL.**

Ray informed the council that there is a debt of \$33,000 owed to TML. Georgina Ybarra with TML informed the council of the current plan and the changes that were made to the policy.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt the scheduled changes to the TML coverage minus the deleting of the EMS and annualize past due dept and the new windstorm coverage that takes affect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

### **#6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROGRESS TOWARD POTENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAYMENT PLAN FOR PAST DUES OWED TO REPUBLIC SERVICES.**

City Attorney Roxann Cotroneo advised the Council to enter into executive session on this item due to seeking legal advice of the City Attorney.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

Mayor asked if this item could be skipped and included with the other items placed in executive session further in the agenda.

Both Councilwoman Riojas and Councilman Rodriguez withdrew their motion and the item was skipped.

### **#7. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE HLA VINKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Ray updated the progress on the Hlavinka Economic Development project and what items have been addressed. Some of those items included making sure the property is free of liens, reviewing the preliminary environmental study, and review the comprehensive site plan.

**#8. PRESENT AND DISCUSS STATE LAWS ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND HOW TO FILE AN "AFFIDAVIT OF ABSTENTION FROM VOTING."**

Roxann generalized the laws on conflicts of interest and informed the Council how to file an affidavit of abstention from voting.

**#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING A FORM FOR THE MAYOR AND ANY COUNCILMEMBER TO PLACE AN ITEM ON A CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.**

Roxann informed the Council there is an ordinance that discuss agendas and posting and deadlines but it does not state how an agenda item is to be submitted.

**#10. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT EXPENDS PUBLIC FUNDS FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE BY SUPPLYING THE PRIDE OF TAFT, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, WITH FIFTEEN (15) RENTAL COUPONS FOR THE USE OF THE KIVA HUT AT NO CHARGE TO THE PRIDE OF TAFT, SUCH COUPONS WILL BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC TO DEFRAY RENOVATIONS COSTS FOR THE KIVA HUT.**

Pride of Taft member Denise Hitt informed the Council the purpose of Resolution 556 and the funds would be used for purchasing light fixtures for the Kiva Hut.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to pass a resolution that expends public funds for a public purpose by supplying the Pride of Taft, a non-profit corporation, with fifteen rental coupons for the use of the Kiva Hut at no charge to the Pride of Taft, such coupons will be sold to the public to defray renovations costs for the Kiva Hut to be used by 12-31-14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez,

Nays: None

Abstain: Hitt

The motion carried.

**#11. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Ray informed the Council on the current city finances. A spreadsheet was given to Council and Ray explained the figures on the spreadsheet and how to read the revenues and expenditures. The Council addressed the addendum items before going into Executive session.

**#14. PRESENT AND DISCUSS RE-BRANDING THE CITY OF TAFT.**

Jorge Alvarez discussed the updated City of Taft website and showed the Council a preview of what it looks like.

Fred Dots with Moreheaddots, a marketing and advertising firm, addressed the Council on re-branding the City of Taft.

**#15. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL DUTY COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES PERFORMING DUTIES FOR MULTIPLE CITY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS.**

Councilman Vasquez addressed the Council on this item. Questions arose about having job descriptions and a pay scale.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#16. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON FORMALIZING A REQUEST TO THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Councilman Vasquez addressed the Council on this item and asked Jorge Alvarez the amount San Patricio County sends the EMS a year and if someone could ask for more contributions. Jorge informed the council on the area that Taft EMS services.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to act on putting together a study to present to the county at a later date. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF THE CITY MANAGER.

At 8:53 p.m. the council went into executive session.

**#13. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY REGARDING:**

- CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF ROXANN PAIS COTRONEO.
- CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES WITH SANTOS MCBAIN MANAGEMENT & PLANNING.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the contract with Roxann Cotroneo. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hitt amended her motion to add the mutual termination clause. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table to approve a contract for city manager services with Santos McBain Management & Planning until the city attorney has time to evaluate all of the ordinances pertaining to the city manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: Rodriguez, Mayor  
The motion carried.

**#6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROGRESS TOWARD POTENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAYMENT PLAN FOR PAST DUES OWED TO REPUBLIC SERVICES.**

At this time the council discussed Item #6.  
Ray explained the amendment to the agreement.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to consider and act upon progress toward potential solid waste collection and contract amendments and the establishment of a payment plan for past dues owed to Republic Services and to include approve the first amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None



The motion carried.

**#17. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

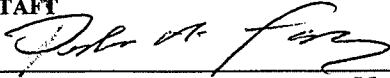
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

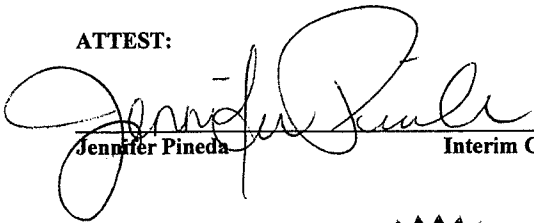
**CITY OF TAFT**



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Jennifer Pineda

Interim City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14th day of April 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, and Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF THE CITY MANAGER.

At 7:09 p.m. the council went into executive session.

**#4. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY REGARDING:**

- CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REVISED CONTRACT FOR INERIM CITY MANAGER AND PLANNING SERVICES WITH SANTOS MCBAIN MANAGEMENT & PLANNING.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the revised contract with Santos McBain Management & Planning. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

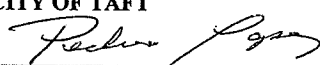
The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

**#5. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

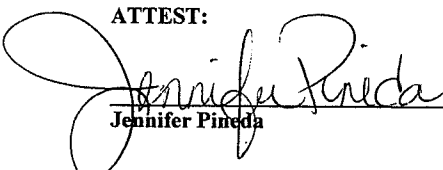
CITY OF TAFT

  
Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Pineda

Interim City Secretary

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of May 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Jennifer Pineda, Municipal Court Clerk, Yolanda Rivera, Accounting Clerk, Carmel Herrera, Municipal Court Judge, and Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

Darren Kirk, resident at 635 Fetick Ave, asked if the city has a master plan or global plan to revitalize the city.

At this time the Council went into executive session.

### **#15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001. ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- A) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS. CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CUASE NO. 5-14-5464CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.

At 6:38 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

### **#16. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY REGARDING:**

- A) REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS. CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.

The Council reconvened in regular session. No action was taken on this item.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Ray informed the Council on the current city finances with a power point presentation. An up-to-date spreadsheet was given to Council and Ray explained the figures on the spreadsheet.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS AND REPLACES ORDINANCE NO. 916 WITH A REVISED RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS.**

Ray gave a PowerPoint presentation on the cost of the city to administer the solid waste service. He elaborated what the difference of cost would be if the services were changed from twice a week pick up to once a week pick up. He also gave three options that the Council could chose in order to save cost on solid waste collection.

Mike Reeves with Republic Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on the regulations of solid waste

collection. He also informed the Council on the services of the surrounding communities.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt option 1. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. After discussion Councilwoman Hitt withdrew her motion.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt option 2 with the change on the outside city 2 totter to \$34.96. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#6. PRESENT, DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF REGARDING SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL COURT WARRANTS.**

Roxann gave a PowerPoint presentation on the outstanding warrants and solutions that are available for the council to consider implementing.

**#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION UPON AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,825.66 FOR BLOWER CONTROL PANEL AND SCREW CONVEYOR AT THE TAFT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

Hector Castaneda from LNV Engineering informed the Council that the change order would be for the amount of \$12,450.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize a change order in the amount of \$12,450 for blower control panel and screw conveyer at the Taft Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT TO COMMENCE ON AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt the San Patricio News as the official newspaper for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF AN APPLICATION BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS TO INCREASE THE FIXED MONTHLY CHARGE FOR THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 30, 2014, FOR 45 DAYS; AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE REQUESTED INCREASE.**

Tom Champaign explained the resolution to the Council. Ray explained the cost if the resolution passes.

No action was taken on this item.

**#10. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MUNICODE REGARDING THE CODIFICATION OF TAFT CITY ORDINANCES.**

Roxann explained the history of the contract to the Council.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to continue with the contract between the City and MuniCode regarding the codification of Taft city ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#11. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A FORM FOR THE MAYOR AND ANY COUNCILMEMBER TO PLACE AN ITEM ON A CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt a form for the Mayor and any Councilmember to place an item on a city council agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#12. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS APPLYING FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SMALL CITIES.**

Roxann addressed the Council on this item and informed them that she had registered them for a chance to win a tuition scholarship for training.

**#13. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$3,000 FOR THE OVERHAUL OF A BACKHOE ENGINE.**

Ray said it should be \$4,000 not \$3,000. Fred Farias gave a brief history of the need for the overhaul of the engine.

No action was taken.

**#14. PRESENT AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING TOWN HALL MEETING HELD IN APRIL 2014.**

Ray gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the results of the town hall meeting. The number one item was to fix the streets and the number two item was the city's image.

**#15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

B) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY, BECAUSE DELIBERATIONS IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY, AND SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROJECT CONDOR.

C) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO. 712072 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT PROJECT.

At 9:50 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

**#16. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY REGARDING:**

B) AUTHORIZING THE CITY AND THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING PROJECT CONDOR.

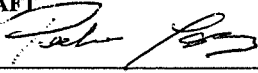
The Council reconvened in regular session. No action was taken on this item.

**#17. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

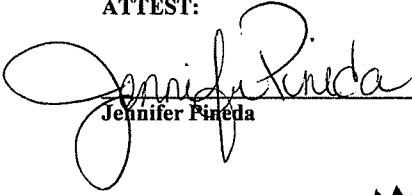
**CITY OF TAFT**



**Pedro Lopez**

**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Jennifer Pineda**

**Interim City Secretary**



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 29th day of May 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez      Mayor  
Denise Hitt              Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
Donnie Riojas  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Jennifer Pineda, Municipal Court Clerk, and Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. VISITORS.**

Sandra Syma of 905 Oak addressed the Council in regards to placing a manufactured home on their property at 417 Victoria.

**#4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 911 TO INCREASE THE PROCESSING FEE FROM 3% TO 5% FOR EACH FEE, FINE, COURT COST OR OTHER CHARGE THAT IS PAID BY CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS TO THE CITY.**

Ray explained the ordinance to the Council.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#5. PRESENT TAFT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014.**

Mayor Lopez read the proclamation out loud and presented it to Roxann Aguirre, Councilor at Taft High School.

**#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TYPE B CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON A PROJECT, KNOWN AS PROJECT CONDOR, WHICH INVOLVES THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY THAT INCLUDES 4.0 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF ABSTRACT 268 THOMAS TODD SURVEY, TAFT, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS ALSO KNOWN AS ESCO SEED COMPANY WITH PROPERTY TAX ID NOS. 2139-0268-0002-000, 2139-0268-0000-009, 2139-0268-0000-010, AND 2139-0268-0000-011.**

Taft EDC vice president David Smith addressed the Council on the resolution and information about the project.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Taft Economic Development Type B Corporation to enter into negotiations on a project known as Project Condor. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#7. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

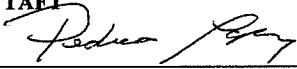
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

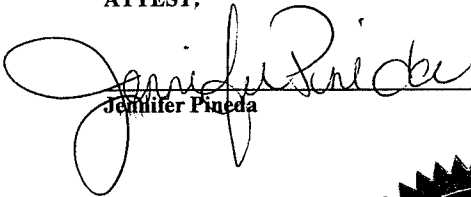
**CITY OF TAFT**



**Pedro Lopez**

**Mayor**

**ATTEST;**



**Jennifer Pineda**

**Interim City Secretary**





## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 10th day of June 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	
Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Contorneo, City Attorney, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Inocencio Bustillos, Animal Control Officer, Carmel Herrera, Municipal Court Judge, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, and Tazh Fonville, Building Inspector.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

At this time Council moved to executive session.

### **#14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- A) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING *KANDI HUBERT VS CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS*, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.

At 6:35 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

### **#15. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION.**

The Council reconvened at 7:12 p.m. and no action was taken.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A MANUFACTURED HOME TO BE PLACED AT 417 VICTORIA.**

Sandra Syma requested the variance from the Council. Discussion continued in the difference between a manufactured home and a modular home.

City Attorney Roxann Cotroneo informed the Council of the state law procedure to hear the request for variance and explained in detail what steps need to be taken.

No action was taken on this item.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A REQUEST TO AMEND ORDINANCE 745 TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A MANUFACTURED HOME OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED ZONES AND PARKS.**

No action taken.

### **#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON ITS SECOND READING TO AUTHORIZE THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TYPE B CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON A PROJECT, KNOWN AS PROJECT CONDOR, WHICH INVOLVES THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY THAT INCLUDES 4.0 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF ABSTRACT 268 THOMAS TODD SURVEY, TAFT, SAN PATRICO COUNTY, TEXAS ALSO KNOWN AS ESCO SEED COMPANY WITH PROPERTY TAX ID. NOS.**

2139-0268-0002-000, 2139-0268-0000-009, 2139-0268-0000-010, AND 2139-0268-0000-011.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion for Taft EDC to enter into negotiations on a project, known as Project Condor, which involves the purchase of property that includes 4.0 acres of land out of Abstract 268 Thomas Todd Survey. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

**#7. PRESENT AND DISCUSS SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL COURT WARRANTS AND CURRENT COLLECTION EFFORTS.**

City Prosecutor Roxann Cotroneo addressed the Council on the collection efforts. She informed the Council of the different methods the court has implemented in order to inform the public of these efforts.

**#8. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Ray updated the Council on payments that have been made and what the current debt is. He also explained the spreadsheet to the Council and the different efforts being made to increase the revenue of the city as well as lower the spending.

**#9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO SCHEDULE A TAFT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR JULY 2014.**

Ray informed the Council that he would not be available for the regular July meeting. He would be able to have someone else from SMMP present at the meeting or would be available any other day if the Council chooses to reschedule.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to have the regular meeting on July 15, 2015 instead of July 8, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

**#10. DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE CREATION OF A BUSINESS AND PROPERTY DIRECTORY.**

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he put this item as a status update. Ray stated that in some places the Chamber of Commerce has the information on their website.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt stated that the Taft EDC is working on a list to be available for the public.

**#11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, ACT ON PROPOSED PRIDE OF TAFT CLEANUP IN SEPTEMBER TO BE CO-SPONSORED BY CITY OF TAFT.**

Adrian Garcia informed the Council of the plans that the Pride of Taft has to do a September clean up. He stated what kind of support would be needed from the city.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table the item to the July 15, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

**#12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A GRANT WRITER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt explained that she added this item to the agenda and that bringing a grant writer on might find funds for the city. Ray discussed the different areas that grants would be available and explained that different grant writers have different areas of expertise.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to seek out request for proposals for grant writers with expertise in economic development, parks and recreation, and community facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

**#13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON LOCATING A PLACE FOR A SENIOR CENTER.**

No action was taken on this item.

**#14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

B) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OR TO HEAR A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE INOCENSIO BUSTILLOS.

C) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO 712072, AS AMENDED, WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT PROJECT.

At 8:46 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

**#15. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION.**

The Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m. and no action was taken.

**#16. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

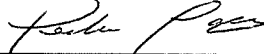
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

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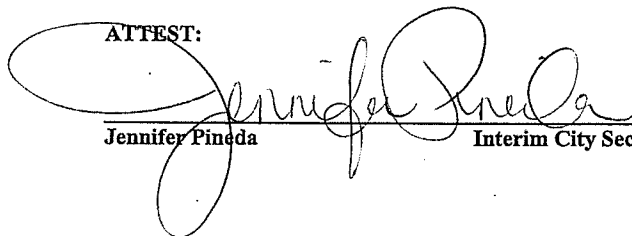


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

Interim City Secretary

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of July 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Leonard Vasquez		
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, and Yolanda Rivera, Accounting Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

The Council went into recess at 6:41 p.m.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO SELECT A PLAN AND CARRIER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT'S ANNUAL WINDSTORM INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

Ray gave a brief overview of the three options before the council. Two of the options were from TWIA and the third was from a Non TWIA company. Georgina Ybarra with TML gave a detailed description of each option and comparing and contrasting them to each other. Ray's recommendation was for the council to approve option 3.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to select option 3 AmRisc for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Hitt  
The motion carried.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION UPON AUTHORIZING THE TAFT CUB SCOUT PACK 43 AND TAFT BOY SCOUT TROOP 43 TO UTILIZE THE KIVA HUT, MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING, MAYBE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM, AND A PORTION OF CITY HALL FOR THE SUMMER CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP IN THE INTEREST OF AND BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY.**

Dr Ray Garza, Cub Master, addressed the council in regards to their request to use the property for their day camp. He stated that this would be the only day camp in this area and they used the facilities last year.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the authorization for the Taft Cub Scout Pack 43 and Taft Boy Scout Troop 43 to utilize the Kiva Hut, Municipal Court Building, the Fire Department training room, and portion of City Hall for the summer Cub Scout day camp in the interest of and benefit to the community with an agreement to coordinate with the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Hitt  
The motion carried.

### **#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO: (1) APPROVE AN AFFIDAVIT OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN A RECORDED DEED SAID ERROR FOUND IN A QUITCLAIM DEED DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2001, RECORDED UNDER FILE #500815 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS WHERE IN THE CITY OF TAFT QUITCLAIMED TO THE**

**HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT COMPANY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITH THE CORRECTED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LOT A, BLOCK NO TWENTY-ONE (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 3, MAP RECORDS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS; AND (2) FILE AND RECORD SAID AFFIDAVIT WITH THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY COURT CLERK.**

Roxann informed the council of the errors in the original quitclaim deed and the corrective action needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error in a Recorded Deed and file and record it with the San Patricio County Court Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION TO THE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO. 712072, AS AMENDED, WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT PROJECT. STATED AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION SHALL INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FROM 3,770 SQUARE FEET TO 6,770 SQUARE FEET REQUIRING THAT HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT PAY FOR ADDED COSTS BEYOND THE GRANT AMOUNT ALLOCATED WITH NO ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE CITY OF TAFT.**

Roxann gave a background of this grant and the terms of the grant. She also explained the increase of the size and that Hlavinka would be responsible for the difference in cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt made a motion to approve an amendment/modification to the Texas Capital Fund Contract No 712072 for the Hlavinka Equipment to increase the size of the building from 3,770 square feet to 6,770 square feet with Hlavinka Equipment paying for any added costs. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO:**

- (1) **APPROVE A WARRANTY DEED ACCEPTING CITY'S OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 415 KIRKPATRICK ST., TAFT, TEXAS WITH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF:**
  - A. **LOTS NOS. ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), FOUR (4), FIVE (5), SIX (6), SEVEN (7), EIGHT (8), NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK NO. TWENTY-ONE (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF TAFT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 3, MAP RECORDS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS; AND**
  - B. **LOT A, BLOCK TWENTY ONE (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF TAFT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY MAP OR PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 3, MAP RECORDS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY TEXAS; AND**
- (2) **AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO. 712072, AS AMENDED, WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ALSO KNOWN AS THE HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT COMPANY PROJECT SITE AT 415 KIRKPATRICK ST., TAFT, TEXAS.**

Roxann explained this item authorizes the City to accept the property that Hlavinka owns through a warranty deed.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a warranty deed accepting City's ownership of property commonly known as 415 Kirkpatrick St. And authorize the city to proceed with acquisition of said property pursuant to Texas Capital Fund Contract No. 712072, as amended, with the Texas Department of Agriculture also known as the Hlavinka Equipment Company Project site at 415 Kirkpatrick St., Taft,

Texas. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO:**

- (1) **APPROVE CONTRUCTION PLANS FOR A 6,700 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING ADDITION TO HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT COMPANY FACILITY LOCATED AT 415 KIRKPATRICK ST., TAFT, TEXAS PURSUANT TO TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO. 712072, AS AMENDED; AND**
- (2) **AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR SAID PROJECT.**

Ray mentioned to the Council that there were a few items that needed to be submitted to the city and they would be getting with Hlavinka Equipment Company on those items.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt made a motion to approve construction plans for a 6,700 square foot building addition to Hlavinka Equipment Company facility located at 415 Kirkpatrick St., Taft, Texas pursuant to Texas Capital Fund Contract No. 712072, as amended and authorize the city engineer to begin the competitive bidding process for said project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#10. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HLAVINKA EQUIPMENT CO. FOR HLAVINKA TO LEASE PROPERTY WHICH CONSIST OF 3.196 ACRES OF LAND WITH APPROXIMATELY 6,700 SQUARE FEET BUILDING COMMONLY KNOWN AS 415 KIRKPATRICK, TAFT, TEXAS TO BE USED AS A FARM EQUIPMENT DEALERSHIP AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS CAPITAL FUND CONTRACT NO. 712072, AS AMENDED WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

Roxann explained that this agreement allows the city to lease the land back to Hlavinka until all payments have been made on the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt made a motion to approve a lease agreement between the city and Hlavinka Equipment Co. For Hlavinka to lease property which consist of 3.196 acres of land approximately 6,700 square feet building commonly known as 415 Kirkpatrick, Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#11. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 911 TO INCREASE THE PROCESSING FEE FROM 3% TO 5% FOR EACH MUNICIPAL COURT RELATED FEE, FINE, COURT COSTS OR OTHER CHARGE THAT IS PAID FOR BY CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS TO THE CITY. ALL NON-MUNICIPAL COURT RELATED CHARGES SHALL REMAIN AT A 3% PROCESSING FEE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No 911 to increase the processing fee form 3% to 5% for each Municipal Court related fee, fine, court costs or other charge that is paid for by credit card, debit card, or other electronic means with checks not being submitted electronically to the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#12. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE OF UP TO TWO-THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) FROM THE MUNICIPAL COURT**

**TECHNOLOGY FUND TO PURCHASE ANY NECESSARY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, COMPUTER NETWORKS, COMPUTER HARDWARE OR COMPUTER SOFTWARE THAT PROVIDES FOR TAFT MUNICIPAL COURT CITATIONS TO BE PAID ONLINE FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE.**

Ray addressed the council on this item and explained the court technology fund. This would allow the court to collect payments online.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve and expenditure of up to \$2,500 from the Municipal Court Technology fund to purchase any necessary computer systems, computer networks, computer hardware or computer software that provides for Taft Municipal Court citations to be paid online for customer convenience. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#13. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SAN PATRICIO COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO PROVIDE TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF ALL AD VALOREM TAXES DUE TO THE CITY.**

Ray informed the council that he and the finance director met with the San Patricio County Tax Assessor/Collector in regards to collecting City of Taft taxes.

Roxann went over the contract and the little modifications that were made.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement between the city and San Patricio County Tax Assessor/Collector for the tax assessor/collector to provide tax assessment and collection services for the city for the collection of all ad valorem taxes due to the city. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#14. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES, AND EXPENDITURES.**

Mary Alice briefed the council on the monthly financials.

**#15. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON OBTAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE TAFT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor asked to go into executive session on this item. Council went into executive session.

No action was taken on this item.

**#16. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PERSONS PERFORMING ADDITIONAL DUTIES.**

Councilman Vasquez stated that he added this item to see if there was any progress or solution. Ray stated that SMMP was working on job descriptions and gathering job descriptions of other surrounding cities.

No action was taken on this item.

**#17. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE OWED TO TAFT INDEPENDANT SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Ray informed the council how much is owed to the city and that he had a meeting with the Taft ISD Superintendant.

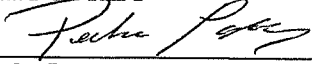
No action was taken on this item.

**#18. ADJOURNMENT.**

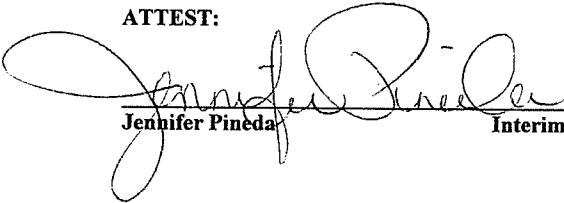
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

  
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Pedro Lopez Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Pineda Interim City Secretary





## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St., at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, Mary Alice, Finance Director, Yolanda Rivera, Accounting Clerk, and John Landreth, Chief of Police.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#4. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING AUGUST 13, 2014 LOLO HERNANDEZ DAY.**

This item was moved to a date in September.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON WHETHER TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO PLACE A MANUFACTURED HOME AT A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 417 VICTORIA, TAFT, TEXAS WHICH IS CURRENTLY ZONED B-1 BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a property at 417 Victoria, Taft, Texas located in a B-1 Business district with the stipulations of meeting state windstorm requirements, foundation requirements as designated by the building inspector and the law. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

Mr. Fonville, building inspector, stated to date he has not received any plans or drawings for the manufactured home.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried

### **#6. DISCUSS CONTINUED ROAD MAINTENANCE.**

Fred informed the council the locations where the city crew did road repairs. He also informed the council that San Patricio County crews have been helping with road repairs.

### **#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION UPON A REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE IN SUPPORT OF THE "BACK TO SCHOOL RIDE AND SUPPLIES" ANNUAL FUNDRAISER.**

Mayor informed the council that Mr. Trino Gonzales was requesting the closure of Green Ave from Kirkpatrick to Gregory St.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion that the road closure be from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and no alcohol. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried

**#8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON PROPOSED PRIDE OF TAFT CLEANUP IN SEPTEMBER TO BE CO-SPONSORED BY CITY OF TAFT.**

This item was tabled.

**#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPEDITURES.**

Mary Alice updated the council on financials and the past due debt. Ray also informed the council on financials and answered questions from the council.

**#10. HEAR AND DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF PHASE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS.**

Fred informed the council know what the new restrictions of Phase 2 would consist of.

**#11. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE A VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD; ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING DUTY TO ADVISE TAFT CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD TO REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR NO COMPENSATION TO SERVE ON BOARD.**

Councilman Rodriguez informed the council that he placed this item on the agenda and explained what the Veterans Advisory Board would be responsible for.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to create a Veterans Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried

**#12. DISCUSS ORDINANCES AND BUILDING CODES APPLICABLE TO CAR PORT CONSTRUCTION.**

Councilman Rodriguez stated he placed this item on the agenda and wanted to know if there are any guidelines on carports. Mr. Fonville stated that the carport must be 25' from the front property line.

**#13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CITY OWNED LITTLE LEAGUE PARKS.**

Councilman Rodriguez asked the council to see if they could come up with a plan to make the Little League Parks more attractive and safer. He did state that he was aware that the city is short handed. Ray informed the council of the terms of the contract with the Taft ISD.

No action was taken.

**#14. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINSTRATOR FOR THE COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014.**

Ray informed the council the terms of the contract and that the city would be using their own equipment.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a joint election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the county to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#15. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO: (1) CALL AND ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE ALDERMAN FOR WARD ONE AND ONE ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO; (2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT WITH THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR ELECTION SERVICES; (3) ESTABLISH SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014, AS THE FIRST DAY TO FILE FOR A PLACE ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AND MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014, AT 5:00 P.M., CENTRAL STANDARD TIME AS BEING THE LAST DAY TO FILE FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT; (4) DIRECT THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR THE CITY SECRETARY TO PREPARE THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FORM; (5) ADOPT A VOTING SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEGINNING OCTOBER 20, 2014 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2014, WHICH INCLUDES TWO TWELVE-HOUR DAYS OF VOTING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; (6) ORDER PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION; (7) APPOINT AN EARLY VOTING CLERK; (8) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND POLLING PLACES; (9) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING BY MAIL; (10) PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CLERKS; (11) CREATE AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; (12) PROVIDE FOR GENERAL ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES, AND (13) PROVIDE FOR CANVASSING OF THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS.**

Mayor read the heading of the ordinance out loud as typed above.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt an ordinance as read by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#16. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO: (1) CALL AND ORDER A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT; (2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT WITH THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR ELECTION SERVICES; (3) DIRECT THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR THE CITY SECRETARY TO PREPARE THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FORM; (4) ADOPT A VOTING SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEGINNING OCTOBER 20, 2014 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2014, WHICH INCLUDES TWO TWELVE-HOUR DAYS OF VOTING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; (5) ORDER PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; (6) APPOINT AN EARLY VOTING CLERK; (7) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND POLLING PLACES; (8) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING BY MAIL; (9) PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CLERKS; (10) CREATE AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; (11) PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES; AND (12) PROVIDE FOR CANVASSING OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS.**

Mayor read the heading of the ordinance out loud as typed above.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No 929 as read by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#17. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO: (1) CALL AND ORDER A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A FIVE DOLLAR (\$5.00) MONTHLY FEE PER UTILITY RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT AND A TEN DOLLAR (\$10.00) MONTHLY FEE PER UTILITY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, TO PROVIDE FOR NEW STREETS, STREET REPAIR, AND STREET MAINTENANCE TO BE IMPOSED FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS; (2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT WITH THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR ELECTION SERVICES; (3) DIRECT THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR THE CITY SECRETARY TO PREPARE THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FORM; (4) ADOPT A VOTING SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND FOR EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEGINNING OCTOBER 20, 2014 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2014, WHICH INCLUDES TWO TWELVE-HOUR DAYS OF VOTING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; (5) ORDER PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; (6) APPOINT AN EARLY VOTING CLERK; (7) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND POLLING PLACES; (8) PROVIDE FOR EARLY VOTING BY MAIL; (9) PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CLERKS; (10) CREATE AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; (11) PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES; AND (12) PROVIDE FOR CANVASSING OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS.**

Ray gave a brief explanation of what the ordinance would entail.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt an ordinance to: (1) call and order a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for the purpose of adopting a five dollar (\$5.00) monthly fee per utility residential account and a ten dollar (\$10.00) monthly fee per utility commercial account located with the city limits of the City of Taft, Texas to provide for new streets, street repair, and street maintenance to be imposed for five years; (2) authorize the execution of a joint election contract with the San Patricio County election administrator for election services; (3) direct the San Patricio county election administrator and/or the city secretary to prepare the official ballot form; (4) adopt a voting system for use in the special election on November 4, 2014 and for early voting by personal appearance beginning October 20, 2014 and ending October 31, 2014, which includes two twelve-hour dates of voting as required by state law; (5) order publication and posting of notice for the special election; (6) appoint an early voting clerk; (7) provide for early voting dates, times and polling places; (8) provide for early voting by mail; (9) provide for the appointment of a presiding judge, alternate presiding judge and clerks; (10) create an early voting ballot board; (11) provide for special election day polling places; and (12) provide for canvassing of the special election results. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#18. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO: (1) RECORD THAT AN APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR A LOCAL OPTION LIQUOR ELECTION WAS FILED WITH THE CITY SECRETARY; (2) RECORD THE NAMES OF THE APPLICATION AND PETITION SIGNERS; (3) FIND AND ORDER THAT THE CITY WILL NOT HOLD A LOCAL OPTION LIQUOR ELECTION DUE TO AN INSUFFICIENT, REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt a resolution to: (1) record that an application and petition for a local option liquor election was filed with the city secretary; (2) record the names of the application and petition signers; (3) find and order that the City will not hold a local option liquor election due to an insufficient, required number of signatures on the petition as required by the Texas Election Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON HIRING A THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor stated that he placed this item on the agenda.

After a brief discussion this item was tabled.

**#20. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001 ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- A) **IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECITON 551.074, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF THE POLICE CHIEF FOR THE TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Police Chief John Landreth stated he wished to have this in open session. The item continued in open session.

Mayor stated that the main focus of this item was that he wanted clarification and he followed chain of command to seek clarification.

Discussion continued between Chief Landreth, Interim City Manager Ray De Los Santos, and the City Council.

**#21. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION.**

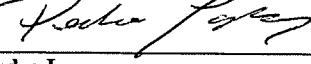
The meeting continued.

**#22. ADJOURNMENT.**

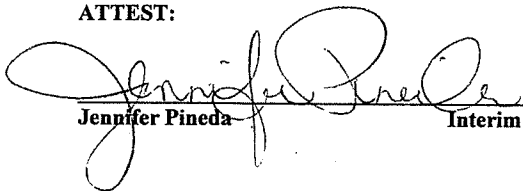
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

  
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:  
  
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Jennifer Pineda Interim City Secretary

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A CHANGE ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL WORK DAYS TO BRYAN CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK WHICH WAS NOT IN THE ORIGINAL SCOPE OF WORK AS PART OF THE CITY OF TAFT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT.**

Ray gave a brief overview of the change order and why it was needed.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a change order granting additional 61 days. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **#5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- a) **PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROJECT CONDOR 2/IRONMAN.**

The council entered into executive session at 8:13 p.m..

### **#6. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION.**

- a) **DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY IN RELATION TO CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROJECT CONDOR 2/IRONMAN.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion approve the EDC to proceed with Project Condor 2/Ironman in the amount of \$75,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **#7. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The

motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

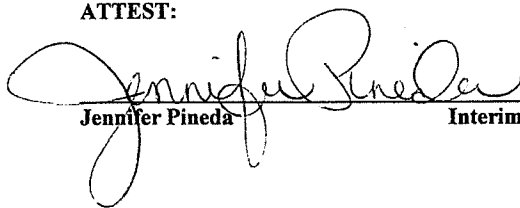
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**Pedro Lopez**

**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Jennifer Pineda**

**Interim City Secretary**



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE, TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ray explained the tax rate worksheet values and how the numbers were calculated. He also explained the percentage of the debt that the deannexed area would be responsible for. Ray informed the council of the current tax rate, the rollback rate, and the proposed tax rate.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft at \$1.051329 per \$100 and for the City of Taft Deannexed at \$0.438101 per \$100 and schedule a workshop on September 2, 2014 at 8 p.m., September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and a public hearing on September 16, 2014 at 8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SERVING A PUBLIC PURPOSE TO NOT IMPOSE A LATE FEE FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS 01-4050-00, 01-4060-00, 02-1360-00, 04-6740-00, AND 04-6720-00 FOR BILLING DUE AUGUST 15, 2014.**

Roxann requested that the council table this item due to a lack of quorum.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to table item #5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor  
Nays: Hitt  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

### **#6. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.



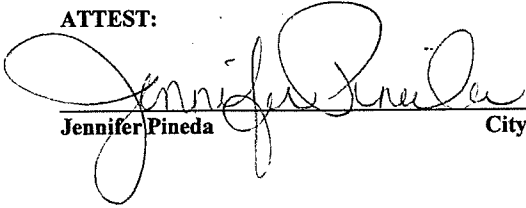
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez      Mayor  
Denise Hitt              Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
Donnie Riojas  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

**#2. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15.**

Ray presented the budget to the council and touched on a few items that were considered in preparing the budget. Council asked a few questions on certain line items and staff answered the questions.

No action taken on this item.

**#3. 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED 2014 PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF TAFT.**

There were no public comments.

**#4. ANNOUNCE THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY WILL ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AT THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 8:00 P.M. AT KIVA HUT, 402 PARK STREET, TAFT, TEXAS.**

Mayor read this item out loud for the record.

**#5. ANNOUNCE THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY WILL ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE CITY'S DEANNEXED SOUTHWEST TAFT AREA TO PAY FOR THE AREA'S PRO RATA SHARE OF THE INDEBTEDNESS AT THE TIME THE AREA WITHDREW FROM THE CITY AT THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 8:00N P.M. AT KIVA HUT, 402 PARK STREET, TAFT, TEXAS.**


Mayor read this item out loud for the record.

**#6. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

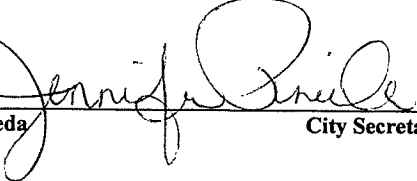
The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

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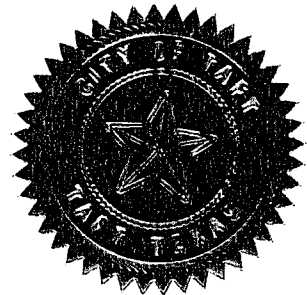
  
Pedro Lopez

Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

Marcus Adams, 614 San Patricio Ave, has complaints on code violations and stated that the city needs a code enforcement officer.

### **#4. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED 2014 PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF TAFT.**

Marcus Adams, 614 San Patricio Ave, stated that he is for a tax increase if it will help improve the city.

### **#5. ANNOUNCE THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY WILL ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AT THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 8:00 P.M. AT KIVA HUT, 402 PARK STREET, TAFT, TEXAS.**

Mayor read this item out loud for the record.

### **#6. ANNOUNCE THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY WILL ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE CITY'S DEANNEXED SOUTHWEST TAFT AREA TO PAY FOR THE AREA'S PRO RATA SHARE OF THE INDEBTEDNESS AT THE TIME THE AREA WITHDREW FROM THE CITY AT THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 AT 8:00 P.M. AT KIVA HUT, 402 PARK STREET, TAFT, TEXAS.**

Mayor read this item out loud for the record.

At this time Mayor skipped item #7 and jumped to item #8.

### **#8. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A REQUEST FOR SEWER LINE ON OR ABOUT THE CORNER OF KIRKPATRICK AND PACKING HOUSE ROAD ON WEST SIDE.**

Councilman Rodriguez addressed the council and stated that this concern was brought to him by Mr. Martin Salcido. Mr. Salcido addressed the council and stated that he has been requesting a sewer line connection on his property for over 10 years. Mayor stated that the staff would look into this request and would let Mr. Salcido know what it would take to place a sewer line connection on his property.

No action was taken on this item.

### **#9. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND ACT UPON THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15.**

Council stated that they appreciated the explanations that the staff submitted to the questions they had from the last budget workshop. A recommendation was made to add part-time staff to Municipal Court to cover while the court clerk is out on maternity leave.

### **#10. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE USE AND/OR ACCRUAL OF CITY EMPLOYEES COMPENSATORY TIME OFF.**

Ray addressed the council on this item. He stated that currently staff does not accrue comp time and that this would only affect the salary employees. Jennifer addressed the council and gave a brief background on this item. She also gave the council the staff recommendation and answered questions that the council had.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

At this time Mayor went back to item #7.

**#7. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE HLAVINKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY (1) AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, (2) REJECT CURRENT BIDS OR (3) RE-BID THE PROJECT.**

Terry Hlavinka of Hlavinka Equipment Company addressed the council on this item and explained the stage that the project is currently in. Roxann gave an explanation on what the City of Taft's role is in this project. After some discussion Mayor entertained a motion to enter into executive session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor  
Nays: Hitt  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

After reconvening into regular session, Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to rebid the project. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

**#11. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

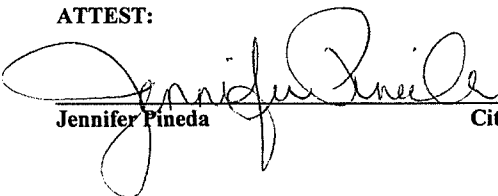
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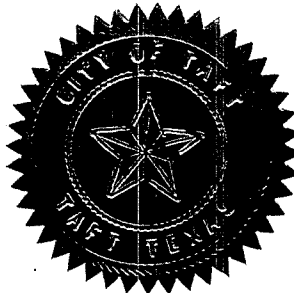
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

**#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

**#4. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION FROM THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET.**

David Smith, EDC President, presented the Taft Economic Development Corporation proposed budget to the Council. He also answered questions from the Council.

**#5. CONSIDER A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

There were no comments from the public.

**#6. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, TO THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

Council went through the budget and asked about different expenditure items. Ray discussed the budgets for the police department and fire department.

Council adjusted upward fund 10-407 city sales tax by \$10,000 and allocated \$6300 to the fire department budget and \$3700 to the police department budget for uniforms.

**#7. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND ACT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, WHICH BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt an ordinance to approve the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, which begins on October 1, 2014 and ends September 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, , Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO:**

- (1) Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$1.051329 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits;

- (2) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *maintenance and operations (M&O)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.500684 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits;
- (3) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *debt service (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.543445 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits; and
- (4) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *debt service (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.438101 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$1.051329 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *maintenance and operations (M&O)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.500684 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *debt service (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.543445 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *debt service (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.438101 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#9. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE USE AND/OR ACCRUAL OF CITY EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATORY TIME OFF.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the use of past compensatory time off. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, , Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#10. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Ray introduced the recruitment and retention program that he and Chief Landreth came up with. New officers with a 12 month service agreement would receive \$500 after completing the FTO program and \$500 after completing 6 months. New officers with an 18 month service agreement would receive \$500

after completing the FTO program and \$1000 after completing 9 months. Current officers would receive \$1,500 upon signing a 12 month service agreement.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve a recruitment and retention program for the City of Taft Police Department with the retention program as written and the recruitment program to receive \$500 after completing the FTO program and \$500 after completing 6 months for the 12 month agreement and receive \$500 after completing the FTO program and \$1000 after completing 9 months for the 18 month agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, , Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#11. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

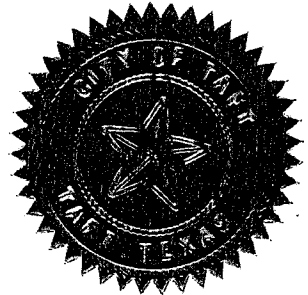
The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

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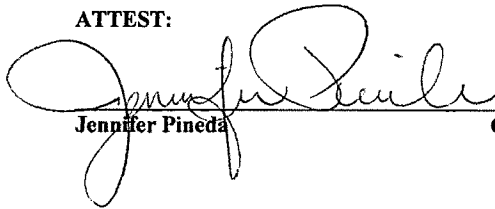


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Yoli Rivera, Accounting Clerk, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

Glenda Whitman, for Ruben Trevino of 359 Toland Ave, stated that there are neighbors that are allowing dogs to run loose and that there are properties that are not keeping up with mowing their yards.

Domingo Hernandez of 413 Second St discuss a ditch by his house that does not flow and has not been worked on and wants to know if anyone can go and clean it up.

### **#4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

**A) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

**B) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A., SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROJECT CONDOR2/IRONMAN AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS PROJECTS. (COUNCILMEMBER ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ)**

At 6:43 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

### **#5. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDNANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECT. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND MAY TAKE ACTION TO:**

**A) ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465-CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

**B) ENTER INTO NECESSARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO PROJECT CONDOR 2/IRONMAN.**

No action was taken on this item.

### **#6. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO REQUIRE THAT THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) PROVIDE MONTHLY WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL REGARDING EDC'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. (COUNCILMEMBER ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ)**

Councilman Rodriguez stated he would like for Mr. David Smith to provide a written monthly report of the EDC. Mr. Smith did state that all financials are in the EDC meeting minutes.



No action was taken on this item.

**#7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO READ WATER METERS, WHICH ARE UNREADABLE DURING INITIAL ATTEMPTS TO READ METER. (MAYOR PEDRO A LOPEZ)**

Mayor stated that he heard that when a meter is under water then the city will charge the account holder double. Ray stated that the ordinance states that if it is intentional then the account will be charged double. If it is considered unintentional, then they will make two attempts to try to read the meter. Yoli explained the process of re-reading the meters.

Marie Flores of 510 E Verbina stated that her account was doubled and was told that it was because there was standing water and the account was doubled.

**#8. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT CONTRACT NO. 7214439.**

Ray stated that this grant would be for \$300,000 with a City match of \$45,000 to be used for repairs to the elevated storage tank. This grant was submitted back in 2012 and he contacted LNV to revise the cost of repairs due to the market fluctuation and any other deterioration that may have happened.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept and authorize the execution of Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Contract No. 7214439. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#9. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT(S) TO PRIDE OF TAFT BOARD. (MAYOR PRO-TEM DENISE HITT)**

Mayor Pro-tem Hitt stated that the Pride of Taft board made a recommendation to appoint Amy Garcia to the Pride of Taft Board.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Amy Garcia to the Pride of Taft Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#10. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY AND APPROVAL OF PARADE IN SUPPORT OF THE 2014 TAFT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CALIXTRO GARCIA TAMELE AND HOT SAUCE CONTESTS.**

Dr. Ray Garza, Chamber President, thanked the Council for the support in the past and requested their support again this year for the 2014 Taft Christmas Festival.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2014 Taft Christmas Festival and the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Calixtro Garcia Tamale and Hot Sauce contests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

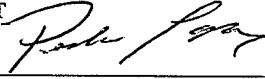
**#11. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

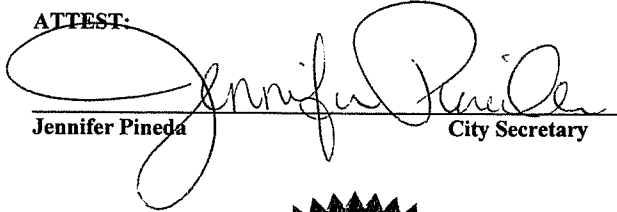
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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

**#2. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SMALL TRACTOR THAT MAY BE USED FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL, MOWING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE.**

Ray explained that the difference in the quotes is that they are different size of tractors. The tractor would be used for multiple purposes. He also stated that Texas Water Development Board approved a request to spend extra funds left toward a new tractor.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the City to purchase a small tractor that may be used for sludge removal, mowing and general maintenance from South Texas Implement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

**#3. ADJOURNMENT.**

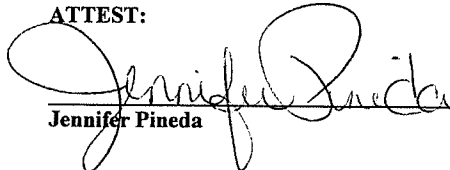
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried.

**CITY OF TAFT**

  
Pedro Lopez Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer Pineda City Secretary



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Adrian Garcia, Utilities Clerk.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#4. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE TAFT HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,629.43 FOR 2013.**

Councilwoman Riojas explained that this is a yearly request and the money would be donated to the boys and girls club and the checkmate program.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the request from the Taft Housing Authority for payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$4,629.43 for 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

### **#5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE MANNER IN WHICH TO PROCEED WITH TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROJECT 712072 ALSO KNOWN AS THE HLAVINKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Ray explained that this item was a result that there were no bids that were submitted during the last re-advertisement of the project. He described a few options that the city had to move forward.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to terminate contract 712072 and finalize this project, request a waiver and pursue a development agreement with Hlavinka through the EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

### **#6. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

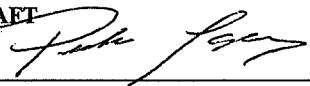
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

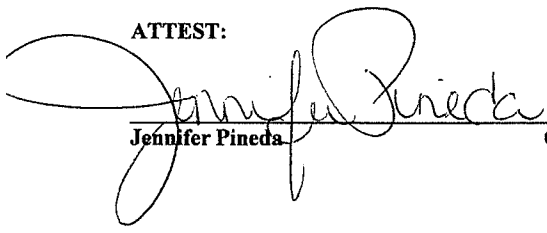
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor  
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
Donnie Riojas  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

**#4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO CANVASS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE ALDERMAN FOR WARD ONE AND ONE ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.**

Mayor Lopez read the results from Ordinance No. 933 out loud.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No 933 an ordinance to canvass the returns and declare the results of the general election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the purpose of electing one alderman for ward one and one alderman for ward two for a term of two years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO CANVAS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, TO ADOPT A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AT A RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT.**

Mayor read the results from Ordinance No. 934.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No 934 an ordinance to canvas the returns and declare the results of the special election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, to adopt a sales and use tax for the promotion and development of new expanded business enterprises at a rate of one-fourth of one percent. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO CANVASS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, TO ADOPT A FIVE DOLLAR (\$5.00) MONTHLY FEE PER UTILITY RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT AND A TEN DOLLAR (\$10.00) MONTHLY FEE PER UTILITY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS TO PROVIDE FOR NEW STREETS, STREET REPAIR, AND STREET MAINTENANCE TO BE IMPOSED FOR FIVE YEARS.**

Mayor Lopez read the results from Ordinance No. 935.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 935. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#7. SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

At this time Council members Vasquez and Hitt were sworn into office by Judge Herrera.

**#8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- A) **PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEEK LEGAL ADVISE REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#9. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND MAY TAKE ACTION TO:**

- A) **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING KANDI HUBERT VS. CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 5-14-5465CV-C IN THE 343<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into a settlement agreement regarding Kandi Hubert vs. City of Taft, Texas, Cause No. 5-14-5465cv-c in the 343<sup>rd</sup> District Court in San Patricio County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#10. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SELECTING AN INSURANCE CARRIER FOR EMPLOYEE MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE INSURANCE.**

Will Heavin, from Heavin & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc., and John Guzman, from Aflac, presented this item to Council. They summarized the employee benefits with both Humana and Aflac and also the different renewal options.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to select Humana as the insurance carrier for employee medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#11. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTING AN AGENT OF RECORD TO SERVICE THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE ACCOUNTS.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Heavin & Associates as the agent of record to service the city's health insurance accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#12. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF EMERGENCY MEDIAL SERVICE FEES FOR THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a proposal for the billing and collection of emergency medical service fees for the City of Taft, Texas with Specialized Billing & Collection Systems of Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#13. HEAR UPDATE FROM TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING EXISTING PROJECTS. (COUNCILMEMBER ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ)**

David Smith, EDC president, updated the Council on the current EDC projects. He also answered questions from the Council.

**#14. HEAR UPDATE REGARDING MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS. (COUNCILMEMBER ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ)**

This item was tabled.

**#15. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE CREATION OF A PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT POSITION. (COUNCILMEMBER DONNIE RIOJAS)**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to hire a part-time code enforcement officer certified by the State and licensed at \$10.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#16. CONSIDER AND ACT AUTHORIZING THE UPDATING AND/OR CREATION OF A NUISANCE ORDINANCE ADDRESSING TIED OR TETHERED ANIMALS.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the updating and/or creation of a nuisance ordinance addressing tied or tethered animals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.


The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#17. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

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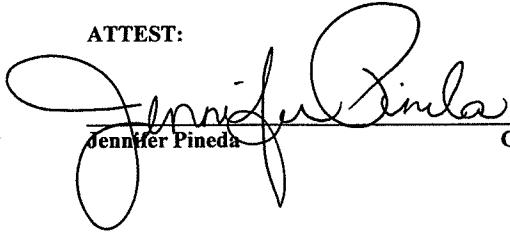
Pedro Lopez

Mayor





ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

### **#3. VISITORS.**

There were no visitors.

### **#4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION FROM ROBERT TIJERINA OF ESTRADA HINOJOSA INVESTMENT BANKERS REGARDING TAFT'S TIMELINES, PROCESSES AND ABILITIES TO LEVERAGE STREET USER FEES AND SALES TAX INCOME FOR DEBT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE CITY OF TAFT 2015 STREET MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

Robert Tijerina gave a presentation to the Council and also showed them a preliminary timetable of events for certificates of obligation. He explained different options and also explained how it has an effect on the tax rates.

### **#5. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SELECT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LNV ENGINEERING, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE RENDERED IN THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISEMENT, BID AWARD, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF TAFT 2015 STREET MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

Robert Viera and Hector Castaneda of LNV Engineering gave the Council their qualifications and a cost estimate for the repairs of the streets.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into contract negotiations with LNV Engineering, Inc. for professional services to be rendered in the engineering design of plans and specifications, advertisement, bid award, and project management of the City of Taft 2015 street maintenance and rehabilitation project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **#6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSTION FROM MIKE REEVES OF REPUBLIC SERVICES INC REGARDING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INCREASE FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FOR THE CITY OF TAFT'S SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AREA.**

Mike Reeves of Republic explained the CPI increase. The increase would be 3.41% beginning on January 1, 2015.

### **#7. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A REVISED RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN THE CITY TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE COST OF OPERATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF CORPUS CHRISTI.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve to adopt an ordinance to establish a revised rate schedule

for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City to reflect changes in the cost of operations as reflected in the consumer price index and in accordance with the city's contract with Republic Services of Corpus Christi in the amount of 3.41%. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON ADJUSTING WATER RATES TO REFLECT AND INCORPORATE RATE INCREASES FROM THE SAN PATRICIO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.**

Ray stated that the rate will be increasing by 18 cents per thousand gallons. This is an increase from San Patricio Municipal Water District to all cities.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to increase the rate by 20 cents per thousand gallons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE FROM TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING EXISTING PROJECTS. (COUNCILMEMBER ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ)**

David Smith, EDC President, stated that there were no big changes in the Taft EDC projects except for the project known as Project Condor. The board voted to suspend any further negotiations.

At this time the Council jumped to Item #15.

**#15. PRESENTATION FROM RUDY MIRABAL REGARDING HIS PROPERTY LOCATED ON HWY 181. (MAYOR PEDRO LOPEZ)**

Mr. Rudy Mirabal was not present at the meeting.

At this time the Council went back to Item #10.

**#10. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Ray gave an overview of the City's finances. He also stated that staff is trying to convert in just using the Incode system instead of using the excel spread sheet.

**#11. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS CITY OF TAFT STREET MAINTENANCE SCHEDULING. (MAYOR PEDRO LOPEZ)**

Mayor Lopez asked if the Council could have a report of a weekly and bi-weekly plan.

**#12. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to elect Denise Hitt as the Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#13. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE CONTINUATION OF THE OPTION TO UTILIZE THE \$5.00 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DONATION ON CITY ISSUED UTILITY BILLS. (COUNCILMEMBER DENISE HITT)**

This item was tabled.

**#14. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE CITY OF TAFT 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the City of Taft 2015 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#16. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON SELECTING A DATE TO CONDUCT A CITY OF TAFT STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP.**

After discussion Council agreed to have it on a Saturday morning.

**#17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074. ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS:**

- A) **PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE AND CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SANTOS MCBAIN MANAGEMENT & PLANNING FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

This item was held in open session.

Ray stated that the City was within 90 days of the end of the current contract and wants guidance on how the Council would like to proceed. Discussion continued on the progress that has been made and what vision the Council has for the City of Taft.

**#18. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND MAY TAKE ACTION TO:**

- A) **CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO AMEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT DATED APRIL 14, 2014 WITH SANTOS MCBAIN MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to extend the contract for 2 years with Santos McBain Management and Planning Services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

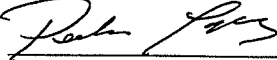
The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**#19. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

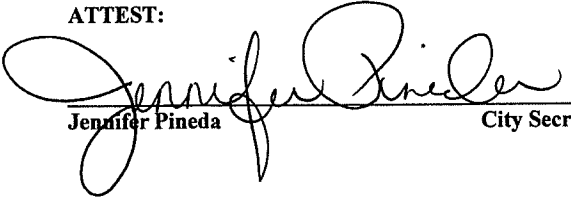
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Jennifer Pineda City Secretary